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Local, state and federal agencies announce Carus, LLC chemical fire site in La Salle, Illinois moves to long-term cleanup

Federal and state Environmental Protection Agencies will oversee the cleanup by Carus

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La Salle, Illinois (January 13, 2023) – The City of La Salle, La Salle County Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) announced that the response to the chemical fire at the Carus, LLC facility in La Salle, Illinois, has entered a long-term cleanup phase now that the fire is out. The company will conduct the cleanup under U.S. EPA and IEPA oversight.

Residents are advised to use water when cleaning residue off their property or call the hotline established by Carus at 815-224-6662 for assistance.

U.S. EPA air monitoring has ended and data show no levels of concern. Carus will continue air monitoring during cleanup. IEPA and Illinois Department of Natural Resources conducted water sampling and visual inspections of the Little Vermilion River finding no detections of chemicals of concern. Additional samples collected by Illinois EPA at the site and in the community are being analyzed and will be made available. Local, state and federal agencies and the facility have established a multi-agency coordination group to continue to provide updates and coordination on the cleanup.

The La Salle County Health Department encourages anyone with concerns about their health to contact their doctor. For questions about pets, contact your local veterinarian. Questions specific to livestock can be directed to the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217-782-4944.

For more information, please visit the City of La Salle's website, which includes links to air monitoring data.

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